GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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IMPACT OF DAMS ON ENDANGERED SPECIES
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of dams and reservoirs in the country located near National Parks and Birds Sanctuaries, State- wise; and

(b) the remedial steps being considered by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(b) As per notification issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests in January, 1994, the environmental clearance is statutory for hydroelectric, major irrigation and flood control projects costing more than Rs.50 crores (later revised to Rs.100 crores during June, 2002). While according the environmental clearance to these projects, the Ministry of Environment & Forests stipulatescertain environmental safeguards. In order to ensure proper implementation of the safeguards, a National Level Environmental Monitoring Committee for River Valley Projects under the Ministry of Water Resources monitors the water resources projects all over the country. This Committee is assisted by various State Level Environmental Management Committees.